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SUBJECT: SPAIN COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR MISSILE TECHNOLOGY  
CONTROL REGIME (MTCR): US DELEGATION TO MADRID PLENARY:  
MR. VANN H. VAN DIEPEN + 13

REF: SECSTATE 130114

1. Embassy welcomes and grants country clearance to the following individuals:

Mr. Vann H. van Diepen, Head of Delegation, Director, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation, US Department of State

Mr. Steven Clagett, Director, Nuclear and Missile Technology, US Department of Commerce

Mr. Ralph Palmiero, Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation Policy, Office of Nonproliferation Policy, US Department of Defense

Mr. Phillip Kellogg, Senior Assistant for Nonproliferation Policy, Office of Nonproliferation Policy, US Department of Defense

LTC Jason Lagasca, Nonproliferation Branch, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Mr. Frank Procida, Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation, US Department of State

Mr. Dennis Krepp, Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation, US Department of State

Mr. Jesse Crump, Senior Engineer, Department of Defense

Mr. Michael Rithmire, Senior Engineer, Department of Commerce

Mr. Geoffrey Buescher, Aeronautical Engineer, Department of Defense

Ms. Norma Curtis, Senior Special Agent, Office Export Enforcement, Department of Commerce

Mr. David Hooks, Arms and Strategic Technology Investigations, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Mr. Alexander Tounger, Nonproliferation Officer, US Embassy Paris

to travel to Madrid, Spain from September 8-17, 2005. The purpose of this visit is to attend the 2005 Missile Technology Control Regime (MCTR) at the Palacio de Congresos de Madrid and to attend the Technical Experts Meeting (TEM) on September 9, 2005.

2. Temporary Embassy point of contact is Ken Forder, Environmental, Science, Health and Technology Officer (TEL: 34-91-587-2385 and FAX: 34-91-587-2392; E-Mail: [ForderK@state.gov](mailto:ForderK@state.gov)). From August, Embassy control officer will be Rob Allison, Political and Military Affairs Officer (TEL: 34-91-587-2387 and FAX: 34-91-587-2391).

3. Embassy understands delegation has made its own reservations at the Holiday Inn Madrid.

4. Visitors are reminded that bearers of diplomatic and official passports coming to Spain on official business need to obtain a Spanish visa prior to arrival to Spain.

5. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

In general, Spain is safe. However, Madrid, Barcelona and other large cities in Spain --including resort/convention areas such as Benidorm-- attract a large number of criminals and pickpockets and frequent incidents of crime of opportunity against the unwary do occur. Carry only essential items including a photocopy of your passport's photo page. Visitors can protect themselves against crime by being street-smart, alert and aware of their surroundings. In the event you are victimized by crime, or experience any security-related incident, please contact the Embassy's Regional Security Office at 91-587-2550 or after hours at 91-587-2355. Official visitors to the Embassy in Madrid or the Consulate General in Barcelona are encouraged to receive

a security briefing from the RSO office at their earliest convenience. Additional information regarding safety and security in Spain is available on the U.S. Department of State's website ([www.embusa.es](http://www.embusa.es)).

Travelers are encouraged to review the most recent Worldwide Caution issued by the Department of State. As the Department of State continues to develop information on any potential security threats to Americans overseas, it shares credible threat information through its Consular Information Program documents, available on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>. In addition to information on the Internet, U.S. travelers can hear recorded information by calling the Department of State in Washington, D.C. at 202-647-5225 from their touch-tone telephone, or receive information by automated telefax by dialing 202-647-3000 from their fax machine.

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